

## Featured Speaker

**John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.**, a popular genealogy lecturer, resides in Washington, D.C. For twenty-one years, he worked at the Library of Congress and taught programs at the National Archives. He is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at the University of Georgia and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. He also teaches programs for the Smithsonian Institution and lectures at NGS and FGS conferences. Dr. Colletta's publications include numerous articles, both scholarly and popular, two manuals, and one murder mystery/family history, *Only a Few Bones*, which includes instruction on how to write narrative family history. His Great Course, "Discovering Your Roots," is available on DVD, CD, or streaming. Dr. Colletta ([www.genealogyjohn.com](http://www.genealogyjohn.com)) has received many professional awards and honors.



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## St. Louis Genealogical Society Summer Speaker Series

### Your Family Stories: What DID They Say?



**Featuring John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.**  
Author, Instructor, and Lecturer

- Breaking through Brick Walls: Use Your HEAD!
- Turning Biographical Facts into Real Life Events: How to Build Historical Context
- Principles of Good Writing and Good Storytelling
- Writing a Narrative Family History: The Snares and Pitfalls

Plus StLGS books and products for sale

**Saturday, 13 July 2019**

at

**Maryland Heights Community Center**  
2300 McKelvey Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63043

## PROGRAM

What stories did your family tell? How will you preserve them? Spend a day with a master storyteller.

### 1. Breaking through Brick Walls: Use Your HEAD!

Learn some guidelines and methodology for overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

### 2. Turning Biographical Facts into Real Life Events: How to Build Historical Context

Our ancestors were born, lived, and died in specific physical circumstances at specific moments in time. You can turn them into distinct individuals.

### 3. Principles of Good Writing and Good Storytelling

Discover how to present an ancestor's life in writing as an engaging true story, how to evoke the five senses, incorporate archaic expressions, and much more.

### 4. Writing a Narrative Family History: The Snares and Pitfalls

Narrating the life experiences of our ancestors is telling their true stories. This undertaking is rewarding but fraught with snares and pitfalls.

*For more detail on these lectures, visit our website  
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## SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m.	Registration
9:00–10:00	Lecture No. 1
10:00–10:20	Break
10:20–11:20	Lecture No. 2
11:20–12:10	Lunch (included with registration)
12:10–1:10	Lecture No. 3
1:10–1:30	Break
1:30–2:30	Lecture No. 4

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### Registration includes full-day workshop and lunch. REGISTRATION

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### LUNCH PREFERENCE

(PLEASE CHECK ONE, SANDWICH OR SALAD)

Roast Beef  Ham  Turkey  Chef's Salad

Gluten Free  Dairy Free

### FORM OF PAYMENT

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